

RETAIL SYSTEM WITH PURCHASE ORDERING

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A novel retail system is provided with purchase ordering facilities that contain samples of items offered for sale. A portable device carried by a customer is provided in the purchase ordering facility for reading indicia on the samples to select required items to be included in a purchase order. A purchase ordering terminal is installed for enabling the customer to order all products available in the retail system including items that are not represented by the samples contained in the purchase ordering facility.